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X100	\$
+180	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

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ELECTION/AMENDMENT
IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This election/amendment is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2005, in connection with the above-noted patent application.

Election

Applicant hereby elects Group I, comprising claims 1-7 and 20-27 without traverse.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.